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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TOTH AND SEDMAK CASES

1. AFTER A THOROUGH DEBRIEFING BY FBI, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU FIND APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG VIEWS ABOUT TOTH'S IMPRISONMENT. I HAVE USED LINE WITH SOME IMPACT THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPRISONMENT PART OF CIRCLES HOSTILE TO US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS.

2. TOTH TOLD ME AT AIRPORT THAT HE WAS QUESTIONED FOR SIX DAYS PRIOR TO HIS FORMAL ARREST AND DURING THAT PERIOD WAS ASKED TO WORK FOR YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE IN U.S. HE CLAIMS THAT HE WAS ARRESTED ONLY AFTER HE REFUSED.

3. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION JUL 23 WITH MOJSOV AT AIRPORT WAITING FOR SCRANTON ARRIVAL, I BROUGHT THIS UP. IT WAS CLEAR FROM MOJSOV'S REACTION THAT HE WAS EXPECTING IT. HE IMMEDIATELY SAID "ALL SPIES MAKE UP THIS KIND OF STORY".

4. I WOULD SUGGEST AT SAME TIME YOU MAKE PLEA FOR SEDMAK. AS I UNDERSTAND CASE WE CANNOT DENY THAT HE WAS ENGAGED IN IMPROPER ACTIVITY BUT I GATHER IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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SMALL POTATOES AND YOU SHOULD LINK WITH IRENE POZEG

CASE. I THOUGHT I HAD TOTH CONVINCED NOT TO MENTION
SEDMAK BUT I AM SURE HE FELT GUILTY AT BEING OUT OF
JAIL WHILE SEDMAK WAS STILL IN. I DID NOT RAISE SEDMAK
CASE WHILE TOTH WAS IN JAIL BECAUSE I DID NOT WANT TO
LINK THE TWO AND THEREBY TARNISH TOTH. WE DID,
HOWEVER, IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS ASK SEVERAL TIMES WHETHER HE
WAS ON THE PARDON LIST.
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